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(DOUGLAS)

WASHINGTON--SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS HAS VOLUNTARILY FILED A FINANCIAL STATEMENT SHOWING HE MADE \$20,568.10 FOR OUTSIDE WRITING AND LECTURING DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1970, COURT RECORDS SHOWED TODAY.

DOUGLAS, WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, WAS THE SEVENTH MEMBER OF THE COURT TO FILE A STATEMENT ON HIS FINANCES ALTHOUGH THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.

ALL THE JUSTICES EXCEPT HUGO BLACK AND BYRON WHITE HAVE VOLUNTARILY FILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH ARE NEWLY REQUIRED OF THE 440 FEDERAL JUDGES BELOW THE SUPREME COURT LEVEL.

HE ALSO WAS THE FIRST TO REPORT ANY OUTSIDE INCOME.

IN AN ALLIED DEVELOPMENT, HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN EMANUEL CELLER, D-N.Y., SAID HIS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE IMPEACHMENT OF DOUGLAS HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY LACK OF COOPERATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES. HE CITED THIS IN SUPPORT OF HIS CLAIM THAT CHARGES THAT THE DOUGLAS CASE IS BEING WHITEWASHED ARE UNJUSTIFIED.

DOUGLAS REPORTED HE IS STILL A DIRECTOR, WITHOUT PAY, OF THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS LOCATED AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

HIS ROLE IN THIS ORGANIZATION WAS THE BASIS OF ONE OF THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM BY HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER GERALD R. FORD WHEN HE RAISED THE IMPEACHMENT ISSUE LAST APRIL. FORD DESCRIBED THE CENTER AS A "LEFTISH" ORGANIZATION THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE IN PART FOR STUDENT TROUBLES. HE SUGGESTED DOUGLAS' CONNECTION WITH THE CENTER WAS IMPROPER.

CELLER ISSUED A THREE-PAGE STATEMENT ABOUT HIS COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION AFTER SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING FORD, CRITICIZED ITS EFFORTS SO FAR.

CELLER SAID THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, AS DEMANDED BY FORD, IF IT CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM THE JUSTICE AND STATE DEPARTMENTS AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

HE SAID THE CIA HAS FLATLY REFUSED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IN ITS FILES, AND SO FAR INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM THE OTHER TWO AGENCIES.

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